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BOARD APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

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The St. Clair Catholic District School Board has approved the appointment of two students, who will serve as Student Trustees for the 2020-2021 school year.

They are:

- Mia Abate – St. Patrick’s Catholic High School, Sarnia
- Lucas Rupert, Ursuline College Chatham

During her three years at St. Patrick’s Mia Abate has been involved in a variety of school activities such as Reach for the Top, Arts and Culture SHSM, the School Store, Cyclone Aid, Irish Miracle and school productions such as ‘Footloose’ and ‘Matilda’. She consistently receives honour roll and other academic awards such as the religion award, the drama award and the W. E. Prentice History 2D Award. Outside of her school community, Mia is active in volunteer work with Rebound’s ‘Act II’ program, participation in her parish choir and performing with local theatre. Having come to St. Patrick’s from St. Joseph’s elementary school in Corunna where she was Minister of Communication and part of the Sacristan team, Mia is no stranger to leadership roles and she understands the importance of promoting Catholic education.

Lucas Rupert possess many gifts and talents, which he generously shares as a collaborative contributor, in and outside of Ursuline College. He is a faith-filled and dedicated Grade 11 student who excels academically, socially and spiritually due to his dedication and commitment. He actively discerns his faith by volunteering with the school Chaplaincy Team. He willingly serves at school Masses, prayer services, prayer devotion of the rosary and with the Lancers for Life, the school’s Pro Life Group. Lucas also serves as lector at Blessed Sacrament and St. Anne of the Lakes Parishes. Lucas participated in junior basketball and football and now offers support behind the scenes in the gym and theatre. He is excited and grateful to be able to bring Catholic student voice to the role of Student Trustee.

“It is an honour to present these students to the Board of Trustees as our nominees for Student Trustees for the coming year,” says Scott Johnson, Superintendent of Education for secondary schools. “I look forward to their reports as they represent the student voice from their schools at the Board table.”

The term of office for Student Trustee runs from August 2020 through July 2021.